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1. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON CHORAFAS ON OTHER BUSINESS (SEPTTEL), DCM AND POL/MIL OFFICER ASKED CHORAFAS WHETHER FONOFF HAD ANY REACTION TO MAY 12 DISCUSSION OF GREEK PAPER PROVIDED TO RESTRICTED GROUP ON APRIL 24. CHORAFAS REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REPORT OF THIS MEETING FROM THE GREEK NATO DELEGATION.

2. DCM ASKED CHORAFAS WHAT STEP THE GOG ENVISAGED TAKING NEXT, TO WHICH CHORAFAS REPLIED THAT THERE WERE CONFLICTING VIEWS WITHIN THE GOG. PRIME MINISTER CRAMANLIS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHERE GREECE WAS GOING IN ITS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US BEFORE MOVING FORWARD IN THE MULTILATERAL FORUM. CHORAFAS THOUGHT PERSONALLY THAT IT WAS URGENT FOR GREECE TO GO AHEAD WITH ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THIRTEEN ALLIES. ALTHOUGH HE WAS PRESSING FOR CLARIFICATION OF GREECE'S RELATIONSHIP, HE DID NOT KNOW HOW FAST GREECE WOULD GO. DCM

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REMINDED CHORAFAS THAT USG FELT THAT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

COULD ONLY ADVANCE SO FAR WITHOUT A CLARIFICATION OF
GREECE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO.

3. CHORAFAS EXPRESSED HIS "VAGUE AND PERSONAL IDEA"
THAT CARAMANLIS' VIEWS ON TIMING MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY THE
OUTCOME OF THE NATO SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS.
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